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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Third Supplementary and Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference with U.S. Patent No. 5,815,640 Under 37 CFR §1.607** in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Continuation Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (transmittal filed on May 28, 1999) please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant notes that a Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference with Patent No. 5,762,458, and a Supplementary Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference with Patent No. 5,878,193 were filed with the CPA transmittal on May 28, 1999 for the above-referenced application. A Second Supplementary Preliminary Amendment and Request for Interference with Patent No. 5,855,583 was also filed on June 3, 1999 for the above-referenced application. A Fourth Supplementary Preliminary Amendment And Request for Interference with Patent No. 5,907,664 is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicant further notes that related documents have been filed in separate applications. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/312,806 was filed on May 17, 1999 with claims corresponding to claims of U.S. Patent No 5,754,741. The '806 application was filed

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